(c) The 11th Plan Document, approved by National Development Council, has projected that 58 million job opportunities are likely to be created during the 11th Plan period. The additional employment opportunities in the future will be generated mainly in the services and manufacturing sectors, in particular, labour intensive manufacturing sectors such as food processing, leather products, footwear, and textiles, and service sectors such as tourism and construction.

Medical colleges by ESI Corporation

2128. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ESI Corporation has decided to start medical colleges;

(b) if so, the details of the stipulated requirements for starting the medical colleges;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala requested sanction of a medical college under ESIC at Paripally in Kollam District;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) The ESI Corporation is exploring the feasibility of starting Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges and Para-Medical Training Schools under ESI Medical Scheme. A consultant has been appointed on 29.02.2008 for submitting the feasibility report on the proposal.

(c) and (d) A letter has also been received from Government of Kerala requesting for taking necessary steps for starting a medical college at ESI Hospital, Paripally in Kollam District.

(e) A Sub-Cmmittee constituted by the ESIC had recommended amending the ESI Act, 1948 for facilitating imparting of medical and para-medical education with a view to improving quality of services provided under the ESI Scheme. The ESIC has approved the recommendation in its meeting held on 22.02.2008. Further action can be taken only after the proposed amendment to the ESI Act is carried out and on the basis of feasibility report.

Measures to check increasing unemployment

2129. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the measures taken to check increasing unemployment have failed to achieve their target;

(b) if so, whether Government has noticed any decline in employment generation during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government proposes to formulate new job oriented schemes to create more employment opportunities in the Eleventh Plan; and